

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9 and 11-13 are now present in this application.

The specification and claim 1 have been amended and claims 2, 6 and 10 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Farrar, Jr. (US Patent 4,073,290). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Examiner considers subject matter of claims 2 and 4-13 to contain allowable subject matter. Because the limitations of claim 2 have now been incorporated into claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that all claims in this application should now be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection are respectfully requested.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event there are any outstanding matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, DC area.

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